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80% of Bengaluru schools yet to receive last year's Right to Education funds, especially after in-person classes began post covid-19

EDUCATION FUND ERASER

Nursery student gets ₹8,000, students above class I get ₹16,000

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"We have 60 RTE students. We are supposed to get around Rs 9 lakh under the scheme

— Girish SA, principal, Kaveri Vidyakshetram Public School on Hosur Road

Nearly a decade after the Right to Education (RTE) Act was implemented in Karnataka, the department of public instructions (DPI) is yet to streamline the reimbursement process under the policy.

Representatives of many unaided schools across the city entitled to reimbursement under the act said they are yet to receive the funds for the last academic year (2021-22).

According to the Association of Primary and Secondary Schools of Karnataka, around 80% of the schools in the city have not received the last academic year's reimbursement yet, causing them a lot of inconveniences, especially after in-person classes began post covid-19.

"We have not received even a single instalment for the last academic year. We have around 60 RTE students in our school. All put together, we are supposed to get around Rs 9 lakh under the scheme," said Girish SA, principal, Kaveri Vidyakshetram Public School on Hosur Road.

School officials BM spoke to said the department has not given any timeline on the reimbursement process.

According to Rangalakshmi, principal, Basaveshwara High School, while the school has 29 students under RTE quota and the department is supposed to reimburse Rs 3.85 lakh for the last academic year, not even the first instalment has arrived yet.

"We spoke to the department officials in February. We were told we are in the queue and we should wait our turn," said Rangalakshmi.

Under the act, the reimbursement per child for nursery class

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BMTC Buzz

Overcrowded, infrequent service amid rising covid infections leave commuters concerned

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Commuters in Bengaluru are concerned about overcrowded BMTC buses, especially with the number of covid-19 cases on the rise in the state. Buses on certain routes that house multiple offices and colleges are especially crowded during rush hour.

"I know there are no specific covid guidelines for limited occupancy in BMTC buses but at least it should be 100% occupancy. The buses are overflowing, with more people it can accommodate. There is no space to move. Sometimes it gets suffocating. When I do not get a seat, I am standing among a pool of people," Garima Prakash, a back-end programmer who travels to her office by BMTC service daily, told BM.

"In some areas like Jayanagar and Banashankari, the buses get a tad too overcrowded, especially around morning and evening when a lot of students and office-goers get on board in large groups. It is a public service and meant to be used by everyone; so BMTC should deploy more buses, at least in areas where there is so much rush," she further added.

Commuters worry that the overcrowded buses might be unsafe for people. Many commuters do not wear a mask inside the bus, exposing themselves and others to the risk of covid-19 infection.

"I have seen women with young children

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Hold the mushrooms

Families feud. But how do you repair these ties if one of them no longer wants to or can say the words to mend them? Hold the Mushrooms is a dramedy that explores this theme and how people cope with the aftermath of life-altering events that can throw a spanner in the works of any resolution. The play is a light-hearted look at how they deal with the consequences of these events and why "Sorry" can be the hardest word to say to a loved one. **Where: Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield**
When: July 8-10, multiple slots
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

02 Classic tunes and more

Kenneth De Souza is a self-taught musician and singer that is a familiar face to the Bengaluru music landscape. With a repertoire that covers country music, classic rock and pop from the 60's to the 90's, he is legendary in serenading music lovers for over 30 years. Back by popular demand, Kenneth will be performing for "Friday Night Unplugged @ Urban Solace" on all Fridays in July. **Where: Urban Solace, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road**
When: July 8, 7-9 pm; Contact: 9845013055, 9945022177

03 50 shades of black & white

Look at the world in shades of black and white by attending this unique painting exhibition that captures life in just two shades. Black and White is a collection that depicts faces, figures, imagination and abstract pieces that will be reason enough for art lovers to rejoice as they can also choose to gift the paintings to their near and dear ones. **Where: Magnitude Gallery, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, JP Nagar 5th phase (Visit by appointment only);**
When: Till July 31, 10 am – 7 pm, daily; Contact: 9900117201

Testing times: Students, the wait is not yet over

CBSE results delayed; students want officials to consider best scores of either term

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With the Class 10 and 12 Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) results delayed, students are demanding the board officials to consider the best score of either term as the final result.

Earlier, the Class 10 results were speculated to be released on Monday, July 4. However, they were delayed, leading to chaos and confusion among students.

Shreya Hundekar, a Class 10 student, told BM that 90 per cent of their classes were conducted online and education has been very disruptive for most of the pandemic.

"We had online classes for the majority of the term where a lot of students could not attend classes due to many issues and technical problems. We did not even get sufficient time for the second-term examinations. If the board considers the best score of either term subject wise then it will be only fair to all the students despite the differences."

Along with the delayed results, the students are also worried on the basis they would be graded on.

Anaswara S, another Class 10 student, said, "I am not that anxious about the delayed results though many of my classmates are. But what really worries me is that we have no idea on what basis are we being graded on. Some have said it will be 70:30 ratio or 50:50 ratio for both terms."

Some students say they do not know the basis on which they would be allotted grades (file image)

"We had online classes for a majority of the term and many faced technical and other issues – Shreya Hundekar, a Class 10 student

The first term exams were conducted in November-December last year and the results have already been declared. This is the first year that the board examinations were conducted in the new assessment pattern; ie, in two-term exams. Now, there is uncertainty about how the final results will be calculated.

In April, a circular started circulating the internet which said that for the final results, 30 per cent of marks will be from Term 1 exams and the remaining 70 per cent will be from Term 2 exams. However, the board denied the circular and it was found to be fake.

Harsh Yadav, another CBSE board student from Bengaluru, said that theirs was an experimental batch, with online classes and a new assessment pattern. We have been through so much confusion already and now the results are getting delayed. That is why we are demanding the board to consider the best of the two term exams. In previous years, the students have passed even without giving board exams... There is no concrete date also, everywhere there is a different date for the results."

CBSE results by July-end?

Meanwhile, CBSE officials informed that the Class 10 and 12 results will be declared in the last week of July as per the schedule and claimed there was no delay in declaring the results.
"In comparison to the last two years, this year, we are going to declare results early despite covid-19 impact because the examinations were started late and conducted for more than 50 days," the official stated.
Students should not give ear to rumours about the date of declaration of result. Further, all organisations will align their admission schedule based on the CBSE result, an official said. He further said that the CBSE was in touch with the organisations responsible for the admissions.
(with inputs from agencies)

Dirty roads? Palike may employ more pourakarmikas

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With the pourakarmikas' protest being called off and work resuming normalcy, BBMP is mulling employing more pourakarmikas for after-work hours.

BBMP's Special Commissioner (Solid Waste Management) Harish Kumar said, "Cleaning is a continuous process and the work needs to happen at a stretch. For the task, our team of 16,000 pourakarmikas are not enough. Their working hours are usually from 6 am to 10:30 am and we want to continue in the afternoon as well. We have given a free hand to engineers to depute more people to complete the task."

He added that currently, they did not know if the contractors would provide workers but there was a disagreement about the contract period as well; BBMP had asked for 15 days but contractors wanted one-six months at least.

Pourakarmikas were protesting against being employed on contract basis

Commenting on the reports about garbage piling up during the protest, he said, "Pourakarmikas are not responsible for collecting waste. They are only responsible for sweeping roads and the garbage is to be collected by contractors. Any person handling the garbage is not a pourakarmika. We have separate arrangements for the collection of materials swept from roads as well. We want to clarify that house-to-house garbage collection is not the work of pourakarmikas."

Responding to the BBMP's plan to add more pourakarmikas to the workforce, the President of BBMP Pourakarmikara Union, M Nirmala, said, "Due to a lot of pourakarmikas retiring and some even dying from Covid, spots have not been filed and that's why the work is not getting completed. BBMP should look at filling these spots first."

For the past four days, pourakarmikas were on strike demanding a transition from being employed as contractual workers to permanent employees. Many of them struggle to make both ends meet with low salaries despite working for at least 20 years. The protest was withdrawn following assurances from the Karnataka government that their demands would be met.

Water from TG Halli. Wait for it

BWSSB says project is further delayed and can be completed only by end of this year

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Bengalureans will now have to wait till the next year before they can start receiving water from the long-awaited TG Halli reservoir. According to officials from the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), the project is further delayed and now can be completed only by the end of this year.

While the board had earlier set March 2022 as the deadline, it was later extended to September 2022.

"Around 85% of the work is completed. While the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) is nearing completion, the Water Treatment Plant will take another four to five months to be ready. Apart from the delay in the shipment of the equipment, the work was also impacted by a labour crunch. For the time being, we have sufficient workers, but we experience a crunch off and on," said SV Ramesh, chief engineer, BWSSB.

The board had ordered equipment from Germany, Italy and Sweden. While the orders from Italy and Sweden have arrived, the German equipment is awaited. "This equipment pertains to water purification. We will be purifying the water through the process of Ozonation to ensure higher quality potable water. Normally, water is purified through chlorination. The technology at TG Halli is the next level of water purification," said a BWSSB official.

Even if the reservoir is ready by the end of this year, it is likely to function at 50% of its total capacity. Around half of the TG Halli's capacity is expected to be supplemented by the Yettinahole reservoir, which is still under construction. However, officials say even if Yettinahole is not functional, there will be sufficient water to meet the demand. "We will commission the plant by November or December of this year. However, the supply will depend on the situation of the Yettinahole reservoir. The reservoir is expected to supplement the water supply. The total capacity of TG Halli is 110 MLD. Of that, around 50% will be from the Yettinahole reservoir. If the reservoir is not completed by year-end, we will be functioning at 50% capacity only," said the officer.

"Around 85% of the work is over. While the STP is nearing completion, the Water Treatment Plant will take 4-5 months to be ready

BWSSB had set December 2021 as its first deadline to complete rejuvenation of the reservoir. But, the pandemic delayed work. Last year's unabated rains also forced BWSSB to push its deadline to March 2022. The board started rejuvenation work in 2019 with Rs 286 crore in its kitty, of which, Rs 170 crore has been used so far.

City fights 'water war' with aerators in taps

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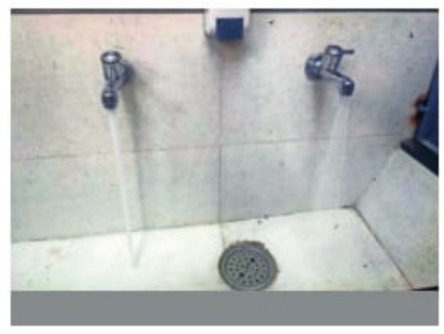

EVERY DROP COUNTS...

Following constant warnings from experts about an upcoming water shortage in Bengaluru, many have joined the fight by decreasing their daily water usage. Recently, in one such initiative, the office of the Police Commissioner in Bengaluru saved 3,49,000 litres of water in May by installing an aerator in 90 water taps in the office. This also helped the office save Rs 39,280 on their monthly water bill.

Nisha James, Deputy Commissioner of Police Administration, said they are planning to install aerators in the Deputy Commissioner's office and other police stations. "We are encouraging citizens to follow this at their houses. It does make a difference and is a simple, cheap process."

On an average, it costs Rs. 65-70 to install an aerator in one tap, although that might vary depending on the type of tap and water pressure. But, installing an aerator saves as much as 50% of water being used, if not more, by restricting the flow without compromising the pressure of water. The aerator is fixed by removing the filter in taps and replacing it with a flow restrictor. The process can be done at home without any help. The Commissioner's office carried out this initiative with the help of EverythingECO, an organisation working on water conservation and environmental projects.

The organisation had done this before at schools, hotels, marriage halls, and police stations, the most recent one being at a Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Singasandra on Friday. At the PHC, the water flow was restricted from 5 litres per minute to 2 litres per minute, saving more than 50% of the water used, Lalithamba BV, a social activist who partners with EverythingECO said.

The organisation plans to help Bengaluru's universities and colleges save water in this manner. "I noticed that in Christ University, the campus is huge and its water usage is also high as there are thousands of students. They have traditional taps with very high pressure and thus have high wastage as well. We are in touch with the university and will soon be installing the aerators. We are also in touch with Dayanand Sagar College, VIBGYOR school, and other educational institutes," the social worker said.

EverythingECO had started their journey with a government school in HSR Layout. "I think it is easier to do this in a government school as we can just go and fix the aerators ourselves. With private institutes, we have to coordinate with them, which takes a little more time," she added. The activist said that if we do not act now there will be a war for water.

The state government's Economic Survey found that the shortfall in the water supply in 2021, as estimated by the Bangalore water supply and sewerage board (BWSSB), was 650 MLD, which is likely to go up to 1,450 MLD by 2031. Experts have been predicting acute water scarcity in the 'Silicon Valley of India' in the coming years.

Protest against Kejriwal: Delhi cops question Surya

Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya was questioned by the Delhi Police in connection with the demonstration outside Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's house on March 30, said the police on Tuesday.

According to the police, the questioning was done nearly 10 days ago. The police had issued notice to the BJP leader under CRPC 41, responding to which Surya had said that when he returns to Delhi, the police can question him.

The police questioned Surya in his government house on the Ashoka road in the last week of June. He was also shown the CCTV footage in which the workers of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha were seen demonstrating against the Chief Minister outside his residence.

Notably, the police have already arrested eight workers of the organisation.

A protest was started by around 150-200 protestors of BJP Yuva Morcha on March 30, outside Kejriwal's residence, at Link road near IP College, around 11.30 am onwards to protest against his remarks on 'The Kashmir Files' in the Delhi Vidhan Sabha.

During the protest, around 1 pm, some of the protestors breached two barricades and reached outside the CM House where they created a ruckus, shouted slogans and generally were aggressive. The BJP workers were also carrying a box of paint from which they threw paint outside the door. In the imbroglio, a boom barrier arm, as well as a CCTV camera, was vandalised.

The police team immediately removed the BJP workers from the spot.

After BJP workers dismantled the barricades outside Kejriwal's house Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia claimed that the BJP cadres attempted to kill the CM as they were unable to defeat him electorally.

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Public toilet razed, and there is no replacement

Six months on, BBMP showing no urgency to fix MV Garden's public loo

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The slum dwellers of MV Garden, Halasuru Road have been deprived of basic facilities like a public toilet.

Six months ago, the public toilet was demolished, and the residents are having a tough time.

A public toilet made in the locality by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had reportedly not been maintained.

Despite complaints to BBMP officials, their pleas had gone unnoticed.

The toilet was in a horrendous condition. It was not being cleaned properly, and parts of the walls were cracking.

The paint on the walls had faded as well, and there was no water coming in.

After the complaints, BBMP came forward and decided to demolish the toilet and assured to build a new one. However, it hasn't been done yet.

A pre-existing public toilet was demolished six months ago with no new arrangements made in place for residents of the slum

"BBMP engineers failed to start the work. Due to this, the residents of MV Garden are facing endless problems daily for many years. The old public toilet was constructed in the year 1993 for public use and not maintained thereafter. Six months ago, they started to renovate, but it hasn't been done yet," said Manjunath, a social activist.

BBMP officials are pointing out that the contractor is not taking up the job, and hence there is a delay.

"Some of the officials also said that there is a lack of funds and the work is not proceeding. How do the residents live here without a public toilet?" added Manjunath.

One of the slum dwellers said, "Since we do not have the facility now, we have to walk far away for another toilet. There are over 100 people staying here, and every house does not have the facility of a toilet. The public toilet located here was beneficial to many for years."

Another resident said, " There is a temple and even a dhobi ghat around here. Many people come to visit the temples. It could be beneficial for them as well if it is put to use. Even the people working at dhobi ghats need a toilet. They have to wait hours until they go back to their place of stay."

Social activists and other slum dwellers staged a protest for the same.

"Open defecation is not allowed. Many of them are fined by the BBMP. The surroundings end up getting dirty too. In order to prevent this, it is a must to bring in public toilets," said an activist.

> **"BBMP engineers failed to start the work. Due to this, the residents of MV Garden are facing endless problems for many years**
> –Manjunath, Social activist

BM reached out to the officials, but they remained unavailable.

Cubbon Park's skaters against dog ban plan

Members of the Bengaluru Skaters group went skating with placards

The recent proposal of the Horticulture Department to ban pets from Cubbon Park, which is yet to be finalised, hasn't gone down well with pet lovers. In order to stop the ban and spread awareness, Bengaluru Skaters carried out a campaign by skating across the park, holding placards and posters.

The plan to ban pets was due to the reported lack of leashing of dogs and them pooping in public places. While the ban is still not enforced upon, many animal lovers have already started spreading awareness in the park for irresponsible pet parents to leash their dogs and clean up after them.

Over 25 members of the Bengaluru Skaters group went skating around the park using placards made by the Cubbon Park Canine Group. Some other non-skating volunteers also held up posters to spread awareness.

Divye Karde, Founder, Bengaluru Skaters, said, " It's very unfair to pet parents who have been responsible. We love the presence of dogs in the park. Every Sunday, when we come to skate, we see dogs and pet parents, and it's great to watch them play around. We can't ban all dogs because of a few irresponsible people. All pet parents should be mindful."

The CJ Memorial Trust Bangalore started a petition on 'no pet ban' in the park and has already gained over 24,000 signatures.

Priya Chetty Rajagopal, Founder, CJ Memorial Trust said, " The most important thing is to implement fines and penalties for pooping of pets and not leashing them. We have been requesting this for long. Pet owners need to get poop bags and clean up immediately. We have also seen problems like garbage dumping and other park maintenance issues which need to be looked into first."

Recently, PC Mohan, Member of Parliament (Central), said that he met with the Horticulture Minister and asked for the matter to be looked into.

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Unsafe manhole
Kasturba Road

Manhole cover near Cubbon Park Police Station, Kasturba Road has been damaged for a long time.

Blocked road
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Immadihalli to Domrapalya Main Road near Whitefield has been blocked by some residents. The public has been unable to walk there for the last 3 days.

Commuting chaos
Kuvempu Metro Station

Driving school cars, autos, and street vendors at 'No Parking Zones' are causing a lot of inconvenience to Kuvempu Metro Station commuters and pedestrians.

Turf tussles

Tahsildar in trouble

Petitioner claims tahsildar did not submit documents backing claims of land being private

The disputed land spans two acres and 26 guntas; a warrant has been issued against Ajith Rai, the tahsildar

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A tahsildar of Bengaluru East taluk is in hot water after allegedly failing to protect land that is said to belong to the government and a bailable warrant of Rs 25,000 has been issued against him by the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Court.

According to a petitioner, Paramesh, who had initially approached revenue officials for help through his petition, the tahsildar Ajith Rai not only failed to turn up for the court hearings, but also did not submit documents that supported his claims of the land being private property.

The land is question is of two acres and 26 guntas belonging to Sri Chowdeshwari Temple at Belathur in Hudi ward of Mahadevapura Assembly constituency. Paramesh, a resident of Belathur, had filed a petition in the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Court in January 2020 asking revenue officials to recover the land belonging to the temple.

According to him, the Bengaluru East taluk tahsildar appeared before Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Court last year but failed to submit the documents.

"I attended the court for around 20 times but the tahsildar turned up only once that too last year. The tahsildar stated in court that the land is private but did not submit documents when the court asked him to do so. I believe that tahsildar colluded with land mafia who constructed villas and bungalows on the temple land," said Paramesh.

He said the temple land was used to park temple chariots from nearby villages during the Belathur village festival. "I approached the court seeking restoration of the land but the land mafia began making threatening phone calls to me," he said.

J Jagan Kumar, a resident of Banjara Layout, said the land had been donated to the temple for its maintenance but the land mafia grabbed it. "It is the responsibility of revenue officials, especially the tahsildar, to recover the temple land from those who constructed villas and bungalows on it. It is frightening to know that tahsildar is not interested in acting against land-grabbers. I too believe that the tahsildar colluded with the land grabbers," he said.

Somasekhar, president, Sri Chowdeshwari Temple, Belathur, said, "I have been trying my best to reach a compromise with those who took the land. The people concerned are from Belathur."

Rai has been mandated to appear personally before the court on July 19, at 11 am.

He said that he would attend the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Court's hearing and submit the documents required during the next hearing scheduled for July 19. "I cannot submit false documents. I took time to collect the documents and submit them to the court," he said.

Two held in vastu expert's murder

The Karnataka police has nabbed the two assailants who stabbed vastu expert Chandrashekhar Angadi to death at a Hubballi hotel on Tuesday.

The two were detained by police in Ramadurga while they were trying to escape.

According to the police, the accused Mahantesh Shirur and Manjunath Marewad are former employees of 'Saral Vastu' that was run by Chandrashekhar Guruji.

"We had formed teams and they were working on gathering information. We shared information with neighbouring districts. The Belagavi police detained both the accused. Our team has gone there to bring them. We will interrogate them," said Hubballi Police Commissioner Labhu Ram.

A case has been registered in Vidyanagar police station.

–ANI

Raids on Congress MLA's home, offices

Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths on Tuesday conducted raids at the residence and offices of Congress MLA and former minister Zameer Ahmed Khan, right-hand man of Opposition leader Siddaramaiah.

According to sources, the raids are being conducted in connection with the multi-crore IMA scandal. Simultaneous raids are being conducted at multiple locations by a team of more than 40 officers. The Silver Oak Apartments in the Cantonment area, guest house in Sadashivanagar, GK Associates office in Banashankari, and National Travels office in Chamarajpet are being raided. Earlier, raids were conducted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) at the residence and offices of Khan.

Sources said that the ED raids unearthed wealth disproportionate to his known sources of income. As per the directions of the ED, the ACB has registered a complaint and conducted raids, sources said. Tight security arrangements have been made in Chamarajpet and the Cantonment area where the raids are being carried out.

Congress workers and supporters of Khan, who gathered at his residence, raised slogans against the ruling BJP and cops have deputed a platoon of the Karnataka State Reserve Police to manage the protestors.

ACB sleuths at Khan's residence

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai stated that the raids were conducted regarding pending cases against Khan. "We will not obstruct the police from performing their duties. They are conducting raids wherever it is required," Bommai stated.

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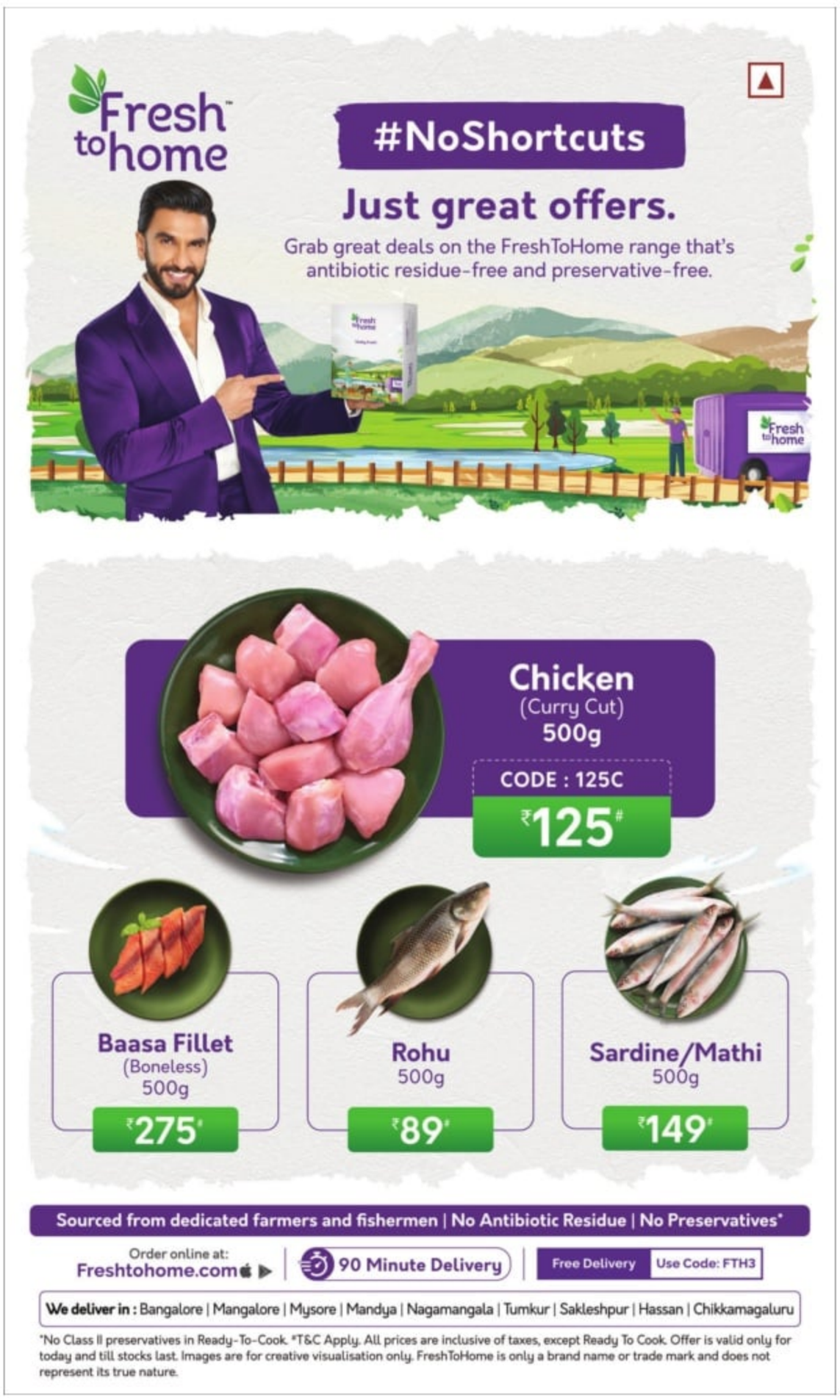
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Fine time: ₹2L, days after plastic ban

BBMP confiscates 700 kg single use plastic between July 1-3

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BBMP is aiming at reducing demand by spreading awareness

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) confiscated nearly 700 kg of Single-Use Plastic (SUP) between July 1 and July 3. The Palike has also collected a fine of Rs 2 lakh since the nationwide ban on SUP was instituted on July 1. This was collected through 321 cases of plastic seizures across the city.

Officials say the confiscations done so far are mostly the SUP items from retailers and suppliers.

"Currently, SUP manufacturing units are located mostly in Ahmedabad and Gujarat, with their supply chain originating in Gujarat. We raided some manufacturing units in the outskirts of Bengaluru, on Tumkur Road and Kangri Road, a few months back and these units were shut down. Now we are targeting the suppliers," informed a senior BBMP official.

According to the civic body, a large number of SUPs, in the form of polyethene bags, are reaching the Kalasipalyam Market and KR Market in trucks from Ahmedabad on a regular basis.

"We recently captured a truckload of SUP which was carrying five tons of plastic. We seized the material and filed an FIR in the Kalasipalya Police Station. The defaulters were also slapped with a fine of Rs 40 thousand. The entire consignment was captured, cut into pieces and handed over to the dry waste collection centre," said BBMP Chief Marshal Rajbir Singh.

The Palike, to ensure an effective crackdown on the supply and usage of the banned plastic items, has now formed multiple ward-wise teams. Currently, most of the SUP items being seized are being handed over to KK Plastic for recycling and reuse. Civic officials say they are now contemplating imposing a fine along the lines of the directions issued by the Central Pollution Control Board, which is a multi-stage penalty structure.

"With CPCB's new guidelines, we are now looking at different fine slabs for defaulters. Till now, we have been imposing penalties based on the size of the consignment. For instance, if a supplier was caught with one ton of plastic, he would be charged Rs 1000. Now we are thinking of imposing a base fine amount for first-time offenders, which will keep increasing for repeated offenses," said Singh.

The Palike, between January and June this year, has collected Rs 22.5 lakh through around two thousand cases of plastic seizures. "The idea is to reduce the supply of the raw material. Since it is a country-wide ban, sources of production matter. While every state has different rules in place when it comes to the SUP ban, most of the SUP items reaching Bengaluru are from the neighbouring states.

"We are looking at cutting down the supply of raw material, reducing the manufacturing of SUP items and bringing down the demand by raising awareness among the consumers.

We are also looking at a digitized monitoring system along with on-the-spot checking to implement this ban successfully," said Dr Harish Kumar, special commissioner, Solid Waste Management, BBMP.

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Chicken or egg? Both are dearer

Chicken and egg prices have hit the roof. While an egg costs Rs 7, a kg of chicken is being sold at Rs 200 to Rs 230. This is due to a sharp increase in the price of raw materials, but consumers and sellers hope prices will drop in the coming months.

Adarsh Kodi, a poultry dealer said, "With the increase in the price of food items required for the poultry industry, the price of eggs has relatively increased due to climate change. Moreover, the price increase has started to hit egg lovers."

Millions of eggs are produced in the state every day.

After the pandemic, the price of sunflower and some other poultry feed items increased by 20-25 per cent.

Accordingly, the cost of production is Rs 5 per egg. Besides, the number of poultry farms has declined. However, the number of consumers has remained the same. Thus, the supply is not keeping up with the demand. A humid environment reduces the production of eggs.

Raw materials pricey

Poultry farming is getting expensive every year. The price of raw materials required for the poultry industry is increasing. Chicken feed, soya, chickpeas and sunflower seeds, rice bran, and masked corn has become expensive.

Soybean price that was priced at Rs 35-40 has moved towards Rs 100. Also, maize that used to cost Rs 15 to 19 per kg now costs up to Rs 26, while sunflower has increased from Rs 25-30 to Rs 40.

Consequently, the hospitality industry has been hit. Along with this, the price of many essential items including chicks, poultry farm materials, and labour has seen an upswing. Most people tend to pay more for mutton and lamb, which is available at a slightly lower price.

But last few months ago, the price of chicken was Rs 150 to 160 per kg. But now, for a few days, the price of chicken has risen to Rs 200 to 230 per in the market.

Banana too is now costlier

Due to damage caused by rains and diseases, the supply of bananas is not as per the demand, and the price of the fruit has increased. Now, bananas are sold for Rs 35 to Rs 40 per kg. However, traders say that if the prices are high during *Ashada* month when there are no auspicious programmes, the prices may go up from *Shravana* when a series of festivals are lined up.

— Navya M

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How to beat brain fog

Finding it hard to concentrate, or do you sometimes feel forgetful? Here is how to sharpen up your thinking

Do you ever walk into a room, only to forget why you went there in the first place? Or go to introduce someone to a friend, and their name is a total blank?

You may have brain fog. And you are by no means alone.

Long covid didn't exist before 2020, yet the condition - characterised by ongoing symptoms of covid - is estimated to affect two million in the UK. And brain fog is an issue for 65 per cent of them.

Of course, brain fog is by no means a new phenomenon. Indeed, it can occur at various stages in life, including during pregnancy and menopause, and it impacts 60 per cent of women from perimenopause onwards.

It can be a sign of a more serious condition too, so if you are concerned about changes, always consult your general physician.

Experts say our love affair with technology is a contributing factor too.

''Your constant supply from 'We are virtually outsourcing more of our memory tasks, such as directions or phone numbers, the downside of this is that the skill of remembering becomes weaker," says memory specialist Danny Greeves.

He added, "Dubbed digital dementia, it describes how our increased - and sometimes excessive - use of technology weakens our ability to retain information."

If this is you, help is at hand. It's easier to boost your brain than you may think.

Be selective

Be choosy about what you try to remember, says memory expert Juliet Landau Pope. Do you really need to keep so much in your head? Let some things go and it'll free up space for the more important stuff. "Find simple ways to alleviate the responsibility. For example, use a planner or diary to write down appointments rather than trying to remember them," she says.

Repeat names

To remember the name of someone you meet, repeat it out loud when you're introduced, advises Juliet. Or use their name when you address them directly. For example, "Nice to meet you, Sarah", or "Tell me about your business, Alex".
Repeated usage helps names stick in your mind.

Teach someone else

One of the best ways to commit something to memory is to teach it to someone else. "If you need to remember how to follow a sequence of steps, try explaining the method to a friend," says Juliet. The brain is on requires a lot of fuel

Eat like you're on holiday

> **Your brain is always on, and it requires a constant supply of fuel that comes from high-quality foods containing vitamins, minerals, and fats.**
> **– Milena Kale, nutritionist**

A 2021 study from Germany found the Mediterranean diet, which includes fruit, veg, fish, whole grains, oils and nuts, provides protection against memory decline and is associated with better memory.

"Your brain is always on, and it requires a constant supply of fuel that comes from high-quality foods containing vitamins, minerals, healthy fats and antioxidants.

All of them can be found in the Mediterranean diet," says nutritionist Milena Kale.

Rainbow diet

A 20-year study from Harvard involving 27,842 participants found a link between diet and memory.

Eating orange vegetables like pumpkins and carrots, red vegetables like tomatoes and peppers, and leafy green vegetables like kale meant less memory loss in later life.

"Make a list of brain-friendly foods and add one into your meals each week," says Milena. "Before you know it, you'll have a whole rainbow in your diet," she added.

Keep the lights on

A US study with Nile grass rats found those living in a lighter and brighter environment had better memories than their counterparts who lived in dimly lit ones. The ones living in darker enclosures lost around 30 per cent of capacity in the hippocampus, which is the area of the brain responsible for memory.

"Want to boost your chances of remembering something? Go over it in your mind while in a natural, well-lit environment, for peak memory performance," says Danny.

Don't worry if you forget

"If you do forget something, don't stress out, it'll make it worse," says memory expert Professor Narinder Kapur.

"Instead of worrying, ask yourself, 'What can I do next time to help me remember it?'"

Make it a game

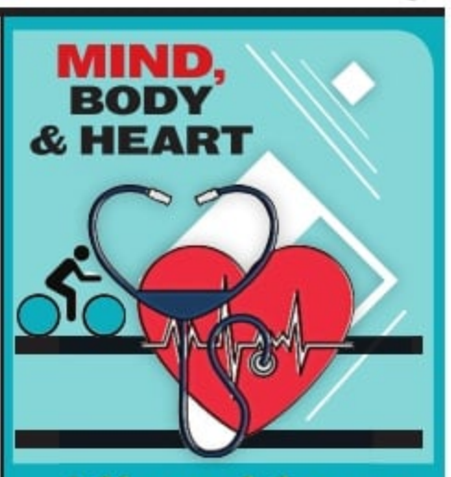
Trying to jog your memory needn't be a chore. "Turn your shopping list into a game to get your brain in gear," says Narinder. "Link the items together with a story. A basketful of bananas hurtling towards the ground on a spaceship made from cheese, for example."

Post-it

A Post-it Note can help memory, says Narinder. "If you can regularly bring something to mind, you're more likely to remember it," he says.

So pop it on the fridge and periodically look at it over the coming hours, days and even weeks. Your brain is always on and requires a constant supply of fuel from food.

-Clare O'Reilly, Daily Mirror



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a married woman in my thirties with one child. I've always been straight and never had sexual feelings for another woman in the past. However, recently I've found myself very attracted to a new friend. We have been spending a lot of time together and I love everything about her - her sense of style, her laugh, the way she looks. I've started to think about what it would be like to kiss her and I'm finding I'm very keen to impress her.
Whenever I know I'm going to see her, I put make-up on and make sure that I'm wearing something nice.
I'm really confused about what all this means. Could I be bisexual or am I making too much of the fact I just really like her?

COLEEN SAYS

I think it depends on how you see sexuality and if you fall in love with the person irrespective of their gender.
And if you do feel that, it is nothing to be worried about. However, I guess the thing for you is, you are married, so you're not in a position to experiment, and you also don't say if this woman is gay or bi-sexual and interested in you sexually.
It could also be a girl crush - you love being around this new friend and want her to love you back.
Maybe the friendship has brought a bit of excitement into your life that's perhaps been lost in your marriage.
You're making an effort for her, so does that mean you've stopped doing that for your husband?
I think if you give the friendship a bit more time, you'll know if it was a crush because you just really like and admire her, or if it's triggered something deeper in you.
Just be careful about blowing up your marriage because you're craving excitement.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Twitter goes to court against govt order

As company moves Karnataka HC, govt has said big tech must comply with law

Twitter has moved the Karnataka High Court, challenging the government's orders to take down content under the new IT rules, saying it is an abuse of power by officials.

The microblogging site has challenged a government order issued in June 2022, terming the blocking orders "overbroad and arbitrary", adding that the requests failed to provide notice to the originators of the content and were disproportionate in several cases.

Sources aware of the Twitter writ petition told PTI that several requests placed by the government are allegedly for action against political content that has been posted by official handles of political parties and the firm views blocking of such information is a violation of the freedom of speech guaranteed to citizen users of the platform.

"The content requested to be blocked does not have any apparent proximate relationship to the ground under Section 69A of the IT Act," the source said.

Under the Act, the centre or its authorised officer can seek to block access to information in the interest of sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of the state, friendly relations with foreign states or public order or for preventing incitement to the commission of any cognisable offence.

E-mail queries sent to Twitter and the Ministry of Electronics elicited no immediate reply.

Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar in a tweet said all platforms have the right to approach court but they have unambiguous obligation to comply with laws. "In India,all incldng foreign Internet intermediaries/platforms have right to court n judicial review.

But equally ALL intermediary/platforms operating here,have unambiguous obligation to comply with our laws n rules," Chandrasekhar tweeted. IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that "be it any company, in any sector, they should abide by the laws of India".

According to Twitter petition, several blocking orders were issued under Section 69A of the IT Act but failed to demonstrate how the content falls within those grounds or how the content is violative of section 69A, the source said. "Twitter has sought judicial review of the blocking orders from the court," the source added.

The government in May had asked Twitter to act on content related to Khalistan and accounts eulogising terrorists in Kashmir. Later in June, the government asked Twitter to act on around 60 accounts. According to sources, Twitter has taken action on the request and reported compliance. On June 26, the site submitted a separate list of over 80 Twitter accounts and tweets that it blocked based on a request from the government in 2021. **– Agencies**

Crowded BMTC buses raise concern

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and babies struggling to stand in the moving vehicle; but there is no other choice. Of course, during the pandemic, the risk of infection rises among commuters. Many people depend on BMTC for their daily commute as it is the cheapest available public transport; I just wish it was more convenient," Deepta Kumar, another commuter said.

Kumar added that if the frequency of BMTC buses was better in some areas, it would solve the issue to some extent: "Metro is also overcrowded but at least you can wait for another train as they are frequent enough. But with the BMTC service, people do not have that option.The buses are horribly overcrowded in certain areas... In some buses, even the conductors do not have space to move around and issue tickets." Many passengers demanded that there be a penalty of some kind for the buses allowing more commuters than it can accommodate.

However, the chief traffic manager (operations) of the public transport entity told BM that since they allow standing passengers inside the buses, there is no penalty for overcrowding.

"During peak hours of evening and morning, there is a chance of overcrowding but all the other trips have a normal passenger count. However, we will deploy more buses in specific areas if it is really needed," the official added. The official further noted that if people want additional trips or services they can write a request letter through email and BMTC will look into the matter.

Many schools yet to receive RTE money

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is Rs 8,000 and for classes above class one is Rs 16,000; the schools should receive the first instalment in June and the second instalment in January of every academic year. "We have around 84 students under the RTE quota and the government is expected to reimburse Rs 11 lakh. While they have reimbursed the first instalment, the second one is yet to arrive. Right now, as in-person classes have begun and parents have started paying the tuition fee, things are on track. The situation was dire last year," said Kiran Prasad, principal, Vidya Vaibhav Public School.

School administrators said the lack of funds is hindering their day-to-day activities such as payment of salaries to teachers and contractors involved in the management of infrastructure facilities. "Nine lakh is a huge sum for a small school such as ours. We are still battling the impact of the pandemic; we have been borrowing money for our maintenance work. Moreover, our staff members are underpaid. We are unable to pay full salaries to our teachers as well. Payments to all the contractors responsible for maintaining the infrastructure are on hold," Girish told BM.

According to school administrators, there should be a penalty system in place for such delays. D Shashi Kumar, secretary of the Association of Primary and Secondary Schools of Karnataka, told BM that there is a total lack of coordination between the DPI and Block Education Officers (BEOs), leading to the delays.

"Although there are adequate funds allocated by the government, the BEOs have failed in dispersing the money to the schools. It is a recurring cost and when not received, becomes a burden for the schools. This will eventually get added to the general category students' cost," said Kumar.

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Chai-Time

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

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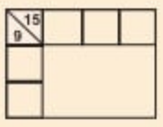
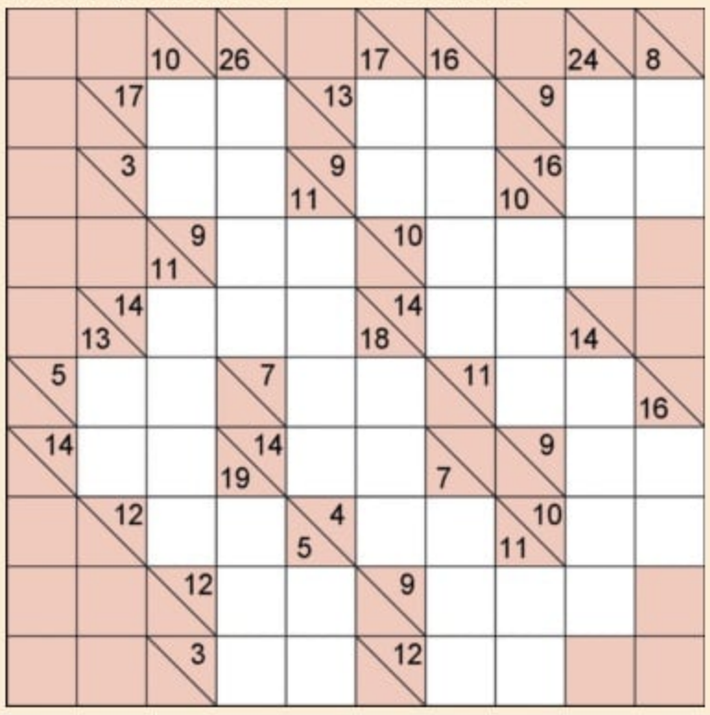
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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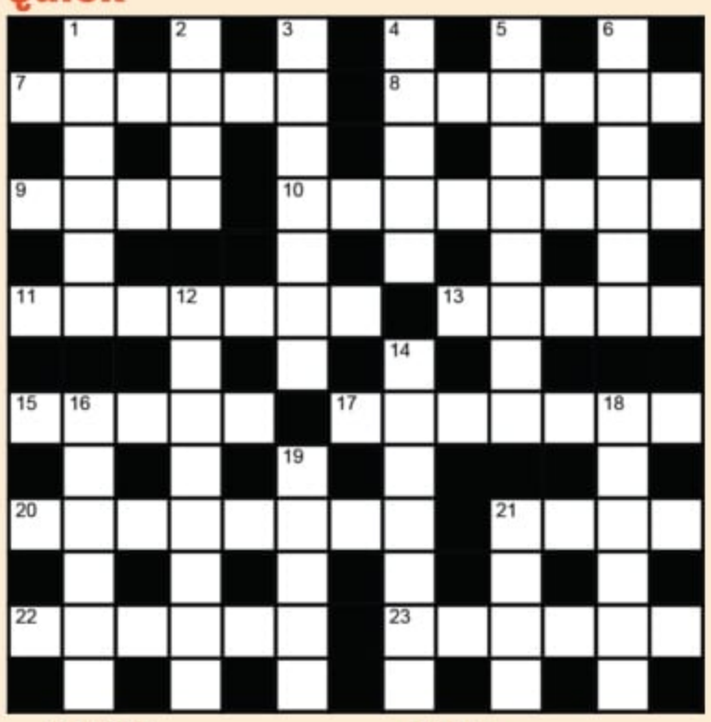


ACROSS

7 Turn sour, coagulate (6)
8 Allow (6)
9 Do as one is told (4)
10 Compared critically (8)
11 Discards (7)
13 What a normal man in the land of pygmies be? (5)
15 Made an enquiry (5)
17 Bewilder (7)
20 Seaport in east China (8)
21 Famous temple in Basavanagudi (4)
22 Fetches (6)
23 Astonished (6)

DOWN

1 Capital of Maharashtra (6)
2 Whirlpool (4)
3 Salvages or saves (7)
4 Magical charm (5)
5 Church musician (8)
6 Hebrew judge (6)
12 Washing or laundering? (8)
14 Representative (7)
16 Great desert (6)
18 Hesitate, waver (6)
19 Pursue (5)
21 Boast (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: A EQUALS G

RMN ADNVRNTR IMVJJNZAN RB VZF RMSZLND ST TRVRSZA RMN KDBXJNU SZ V GVF RMVR GSJJ VJJBG V TBJQRSBZ.

Linemaro

What's that on your collar tag?
Oh, 'made in heaven'

Mindchow

The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken

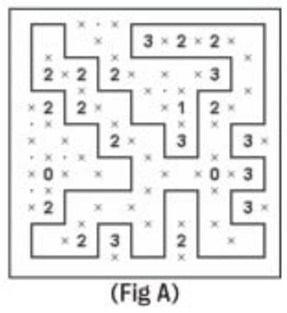
Joke of the day

MENU: What you'll never see again after buying your computer, since you'll be too poor to eat in a restaurant

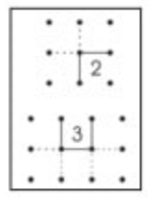
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

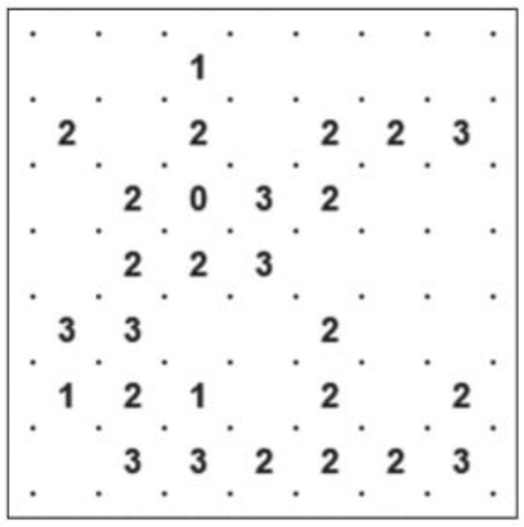


(Fig B) Not Allowed

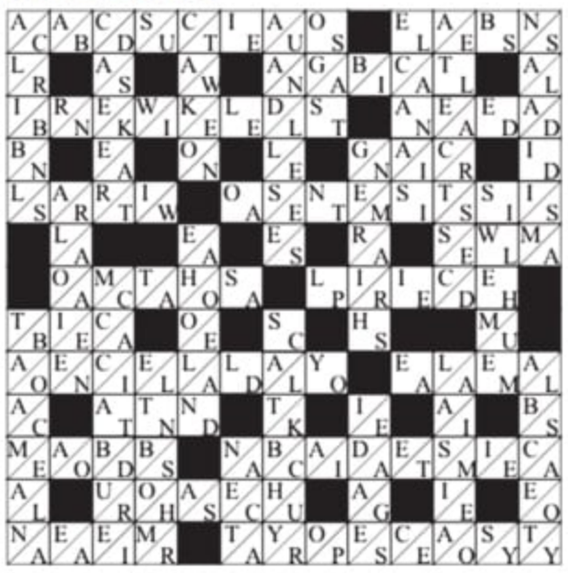
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				Y

ACROSS

1 Sward; 6 Rites; 7 To duo; 8 So ire; 9 Pryer

DOWN

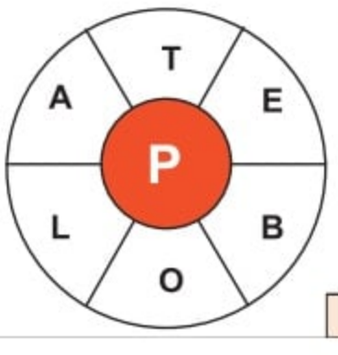
1 Do Pro; 2 Us ere; 3 Sitar; 4 Weird; 5 Troys

Mensapuzzle

How many combinations of three or four of these numbers will add up to 50?

2 4 6 8 10 17 19 21 25

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

16 Average; **18** Good; **20** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

1			3		8			2
3	7		1		5		4	6
	6						5	
		7	5		1	6		
		8	6		4	5		
	2						7	
9	4		2		7		1	5
7			9		3			4

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 28
5 7 8 8

Medium = 20
2 2 4 6

Hard = 49
3 6 9 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

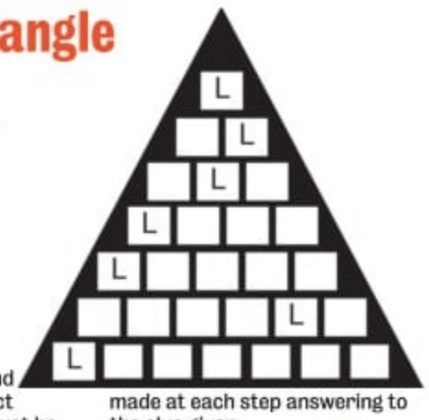
Differences: 1. Paper on desk is moved. 2. Pencil is moved. 3. Stack of papers is higher. 4. Foot is showing. 5. Man has more hair. 6. Doorway is wider.

Riddler

Saturday and Sunday, I am big. Tuesday through Thursday, I am small. Monday and Friday, I am nonexistent. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Learner's plate
2 Mr. Gore
3 Barley beverage
4 Spare
5 Back streets
6 Bellybuttons
7 Adds yeast



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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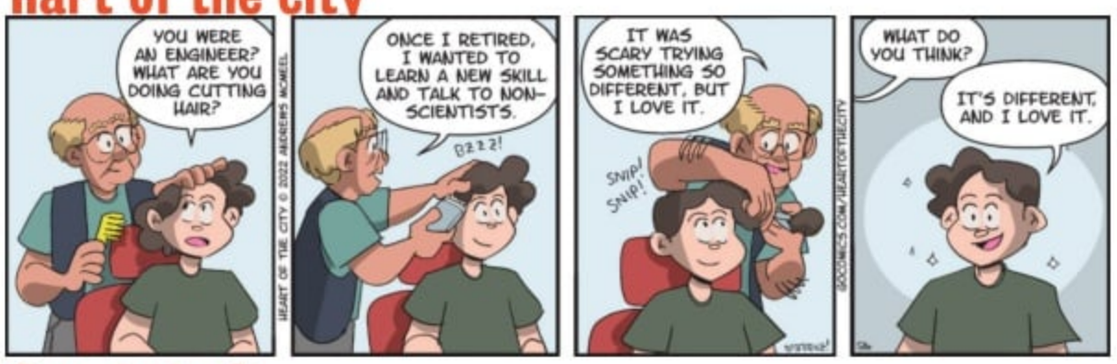
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city


YOU WERE AN ENGINEER? WHAT ARE YOU DOING CUTTING HAIR?
ONCE I RETIRED, I WANTED TO LEARN A NEW SKILL AND TALK TO NON-SCIENTISTS.
IT WAS SCARY TRYING SOMETHING SO DIFFERENT, BUT I LOVE IT.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT'S DIFFERENT, AND I LOVE IT.

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Children's education may occupy your time today. It is a good time to plan for their higher studies. Couples may hear good news in terms of children. You could also plan for higher studies if that helps with getting promotions in the current job. Singles may find their soulmate. Those related to education, consultants, and banking will do well.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may feel dissatisfied and will not be able to manage your responsibilities. Your investments can bring some losses. You are advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature. The health of your elders can upset you. If you are planning to renovate your house, it is advised to postpone it for a while.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be busy at work. Your network could be boosted, and with the help of connections, you could get a big order at work. You are likely to start innovation in partnerships. You may get some investments in your business, which will grow it in the near future. Your emotional relationship with your spouse will be improved.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be busy with your family. You may feel happy being surrounded by loved ones. Expect some new sources of income, which may boost your financial health. You may have control over your expenditure on unimportant items. You may buy some worthwhile things to increase your social status.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, your elder's blessings may help you, and you may try to improve your patience. Your focus may come back, helping you achieve your goals. You may perform well in terms of business and domestic life. There may be some balance between expenditures and savings. It may boost the latter.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today some dissatisfaction may come into your mind, making you feel lazy and dull. It can affect your current speed at a project or work. Lovebirds are advised to avoid any important decision in terms of marriage. Job seekers may face disappointments in terms of interviews.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today your internal power can make you happy, and you may get short gains in terms of investments. You may build a good relationship with your boss. Promotions could be in the cards. Your prestige in society might be increased. You can also expect some work-related trips.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be blessed by the moon. You might get a good position after your hard work. Your working efficiency may be improved, which will boost your confidence. You may also meet some influential person who may give you good direction to improve your life. Parent's health should be under control now.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be happy, and things may be better somehow. You may plan a visit to some spiritual place, it may give you inner strength. You may also donate some amount to charity. You can expect overseas travel for education or work. Singles may find a suitable match.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel unhappy and dull. It can affect your way of working. There may be some delay in your current projects. It is advised to separate your professional life with domestic life, or it may impact domestic harmony. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. Lovebirds may deal with break-ups if not careful. Job seekers may be disappointed in terms of a new job.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel positive vibrations around you. Things are under control. You may plan to start a new business with your partners. You can expect long distance travel. There will be harmony in your domestic life as faith will be increased between you and your spouse.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may perform your best at work. You may have good bonding with the boss. New responsibilities in terms of promotions could be coming. Chronic health issues should be cured now. You may get good incentives for your work too. Disputes with siblings may be resolved. Job seekers may find a new job.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
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(¼) x (⅓) x (¾)
(⅜) x (⅔)
3

RIDDLER
The letter S

STRIKE OUT

C	A	D	U	C	E	U	S		L	A	B	S		
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QUICK

FAST FIVE

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P	E	R	R	Y

QUOTE UNCODE
The greatest challenge to any thinker is stating the problem in a way that will allow a solution.

BULL'S EYE
atop, leap, leapt, lope, opal, pale, pate, peal, peat, pelt, petal, plate, plea, pleat, plot, poet, pole, POTABLE, tape, tope

MENSA PUZZLE
Here are nine possible combinations: 6 19 25; 8 17 25; 10 19 21; 4 21 25; 2 6 17 25; 2 4 19 25; 2 10 17 21; 4 10 17 19; 4 8 17 21.

SUDOKU

7	8	1	9	5	3	2	6	4
9	4	6	2	8	7	3	1	5
5	2	3	4	1	6	9	7	8
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6	1	5	8	3	9	4	2	7
4	3	7	5	2	1	6	8	9
8	6	9	7	4	2	1	5	3
3	7	2	1	9	5	8	4	6
1	5	4	3	6	8	7	9	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
L, Al, Ale, Lean, Lanes, Navels, Leavens.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 7 + 8 + 5 = 28
Medium
2 x 2 x 6 – 4 = 20
Hard
6 + 9 x 3 + 4 = 49

LOOP

KAKURO

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#50th and last one– Embattled filmmaker Woody Allen has announced that he will soon start working on his 50th feature film, says it might be his last

DP is culture clubbing in the US

Actor attends Konkani meet along with family, has a ball

Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh are busy painting the US red! The couple took a break from professional commitments to enjoy some time with each other in the US earlier this month. And they have been out and about ever since.

Deepika's family is also with them in the US. Although the vacation is nearing its end, Deepika sure knows how to make everything special!

Recently, the 'Padmaavat' actress was invited as Chief Guest to the 10th Edition of the KonkSammelan in California's San Jose where she was joined by her family and Ranveer Singh. It was Ranveer's first tryst with the full-blown event that also saw an opening performance by Shankar Mahadevan.

The superstar, who has been ruling Bollywood for over a decade, took this opportunity as a chance to connect with her roots and the larger community and discuss her journey, the culture's influence, her upbringing, and her professional journey during her hour-long fireside chat.

What made the occasion even more special was the presence of her family as well as Ranveer on stage. The power couple had the San Jose McEnery Convention Center echoing with thunderous applause and that was definitely the highlight of the event.

For the unversed, Deepika Padukone hails from Bengaluru and speaks Konkani fluently. Both her parents are Konkani speaking as well.

Deepika also shared a couple of pictures on Instagram, flaunting her million-dollar smile! She wrote, "A people without knowledge of their past history, origin, and culture is like a tree without roots. Thank you #KAOCA and to the people of my community for your love, warmth, and blessings. I couldn't be more proud."

Hosted in the heart of Silicon Valley, the three-day event with performances, music shows, seminars, food and works, celebrates the Konkani cultural heritage and is an initiative to keep the culture alive across the world.

Sam to make debut in B-Town

After leaving everyone impressed with her performance in 'The Family Man 2', actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu is all set to make her debut in Bollywood. Samantha, who took the internet by storm with her sizzling performance in 'Oo Antava' song, has reportedly signed her debut film alongside Ayushmann Khurrana.

The latest report suggests that the big commercial film is being backed by Dinesh Vijan. It is also being said that the paperwork is complete and currently the shooting timelines and dates are being finalised.

According to Peeping Moon, the makers have kept everything under wraps as of now. The film might go on floors by the end of this year and it will release sometime in late 2023. The report also suggests that Samantha has signed her second Hindi film too. It is said to be a mythological epic that is scheduled to go on floors in 2023.

Rumours are also rife that she will collaborate with Akshay Kumar for Karan Johar's next. The duo will be seen making a starry appearance at Karan's chat show soon.

Tamannaah's biggest fear

Actress Tamannaah Bhatia, whose recent Telugu film, 'F3' has gone on to become a hit, has disclosed that her biggest fear in life is losing her memory. The actor, who is now shooting in Mumbai, was answering questions posed by fans on Twitter on Tuesday.

One of the questions posed to her was on what her biggest fear was. Tamannaah replied, "Losing my memory ... sounds scary."

She picked Shubhashini of 'Dharmadurai' and Avantika of 'Baahubali' as two of the her most special characters till now. **–IANS**

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